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Office Action Summary

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Jeffrey A. Shapiro

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-27 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Casanova et al (US 6,021,883).

As described in Claims 1, 17 and 24, Casanova discloses a cash processing system having a compact housing, as shown in figures 7a-c, a currency bill processing device (128), a coin processing device (131) and a central processing unit (CPU) (110) that controls the operation of the apparatus to determine the total value of bills and coins processed. See figures 6a-6f, for example.

Regarding Claims 8, 17 and 18, 26 Casanova discloses the details of sorting and discriminating bills, as is well-known and inherent, referring to (US 5,295,196), incorporated by reference at col. 10, lines 14-17. See also col. 10, lines 18-65 and figures 7a-7c.

Regarding Claims 9 and 25, see Cassanova at col. 10, lines 29-32, which mentions processing bills at high speeds of at least 350 bills per minute.

Regarding Claims 10 and 11, Casanova discloses a touch screen interface (52).

Regarding Claims 12-15, Casanova discloses the details of sorting and discriminating coins, as is well-known and inherent, referring to (US 5,542,880) which

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has been incorporated by reference, at col. 12, lines 12-24. See also col. 4, lines 28-37 and figure 9, which illustrates a sorting head with sorting channels and a rotatable disk.

Regarding Claims 16 and 27, Casanova discloses details of a printer at col. 5, lines 8-15.

Regarding Claims 2-7 and 19-23 note that Casanova's apparatus will still work the same as Applicants' apparatus regardless of its size and dimensions. Note also that any table top of sufficient size would be able accommodate Casanova's apparatus on its top surface.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Howard '823, Korman '536, Curry '880, Sakai '166 are cited as examples of compact bill and coin sorters and Aas '335 is cited as an example of a compact combined coin and bill sorter.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jeffrey A. Shapiro whose telephone number is (571)272-6943. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Patrick H. Mackey can be reached on (571)272-6916. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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